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Earl J. Votolato

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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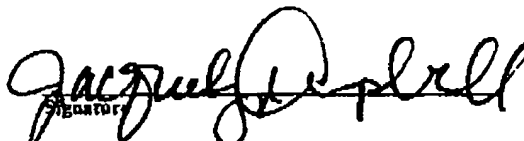
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**STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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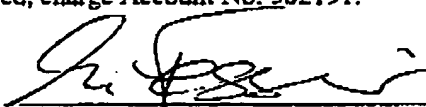
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of Apr. 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification -/-**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings -/-**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.